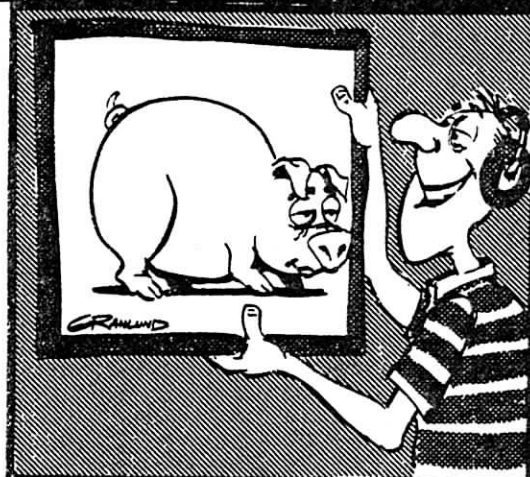


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RADIO ASSOCIATION
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THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETS THE
FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE
DANFORTH MUSEUM. ALL AMATEURS AND PERSONS
INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
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**** SPECIAL NOTICE ****

DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE FIRST THURSDAY OF JANUARY FALLS ON NEW YEARS DAY, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 8TH AT THE ASSOCIATION STATION STARTING AT 7:30 P.M. AN ARRL FILM "MOVING UP TO AMATEUR RADIO" FEATURING MANY IMPORTANT PEOPLE WHO ARE ALSO HAMS WILL BE SHOWN. THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO PAY FOR AND RESERVE YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER AT MARCONI'S RESTAURANT ON THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 15TH. COCKTAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 7:00 P.M. AND DINNER WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 8:00 PM.

**** LAST MEETING ****

WA1RNZ, DUNCAN A VISITOR FROM NEWTON WAS WELCOMED TO THE CLUB BY OUR PRESIDENT LEW K1AZE, ALSO WELCOMED WAS LOUIS OMICOLLI KA1APN A MEMBER FOR THE LAST 18 MONTHS BUT DUE TO THE FACT HE HAS TO WORK NIGHTS, THIS WAS THE FIRST MEETING HE COULD ATTEND. LOUIS, IS A GRADUATE OF OUR ASSOCIATION NOVICE-GENERAL CLASSES AND IS A FREQUENT SATURDAY MORNING VISITOR TO THE ASSOCIATION STATION. ALL ARE WELCOME TO VISIT OUR CLASSES SATURDAY MORNING FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON, AND JOIN US FOR A CUP OF COFFEE AND A DONUT

December, 1981

THE DATE FOR OUR SPRING FLEA MARKET WAS SET FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH 1981 AT THE SAME LOCATION, THE DRILL SHED. LEW K1AZE HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING ALTERNATE SITES FOR OUR FLEA MARKETS, WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS. HE WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR A LARGER LOCATION FOR OUR FALL FLEA MARKET.

WE WILL HAVE THE SAME SITUATION AS WE HAD AT THE FALL FLEA MARKET. THE DRILL SHED WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THE NIGHT BEFORE, SO, WE WILL HAVE TO SET UP SUNDAY MORNING. WE HOPE WE WILL NOT HAVE THE MAD SCRAMBLE FOR TABLES THAT WE HAD AT OUR LAST FLEA MARKET.....

MILO AJ1S AND LILLI KA1CDP HN1ICKA ARE VISITING THEIR DAUGHTER, A DOCTOR PRACTISING ON THE ISLAND OF TORTOLA AND THEIR CALLS WILL BE VP2VHC AND VP2VHB. THEY WILL BE ON THE ISLAND FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS, AND WILL BE ON THE AIR. THE TIMES AND FREQUENCIES THEY WILL BE USING WERE POSTED ON THE BLACKBOARD. WE HOPE SOME CLUB MEMBERS WILL HAVE WORKED THEM AND CAN GIVE A REPORT AT THE JANUARY MEETING.....

LEW K1AZE HAD A LONG RTTY PRINT-OUT OF THE CASUALTIES IN THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY, GIVING THE TOWNS AND NAMES OF THE DEAD AND INJURED, AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE INTERESTED OR WHO HAD FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN THE AREA. LEW OFFERED THE LIST TO THE MIDDLESEX NEWS BUT THEY SHOWED NO INTEREST IN IT. THERE WAS A SMALL ITEM IN THE MIDDLESEX NEWS IN REGARD TO AMATEUR COMMUNICATIONS IN AND OUT OF THE EARTHQUAKE AREA, BUT OF COURSE THEY MISPELLED LEW'S NAME. PROBABLY SAVING LEW A DELUGE OF PHONE CALLS FROM PEOPLE REQUESTING INFORMATION ON FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN THE EARTHQUAKE AREA.....

THE NEW FEES UPING THE PRICE OF AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE PLATES WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEW LEGISLATURE MET AND A NUMBER WAS ASSIGNED TO THE HOUSE BILL THAT WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE NEXT SESSION. THEN, THE HOUSE BILL NUMBER AND THE REPRESENTATIVE IN YOUR AREA TO BE CONTACTED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER, FOR YOUR ACTION.....

RON EGALKA K1YHM OUR TREASURER READ THE TREASURERS REPORT AND OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT, THAT IS AVAILABLE TO ANY MEMBER AT ANY MEETING. THE REPORT ON THE VERY SUCCESSFUL FLEA MARKET WAS READ.

RON COMMENTED THAT DUE TO THE PANIC AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FLEA MARKET THAT PROBABLY 50 OR 100 PEOPLE GOT INTO THE FLEA MARKET WITHOUT PAYING. SECURITY WILL HAVE TO BE TIGHTENED AT THE SPING FLEA MARKET. THE PEOPLE WHO NORMALLY MAINTAIN SECURITY WERE SO BUSY PICKING UP TABLES, SETTING UP TABLES ETC. THAT THEY HAD NO TIME TO SECURE THE DOOR. RON SUGGESTED THAT ONE OF THE AREAS WE COULD IMPROVE ON WAS IN THE TABLE RENTAL AREA, WE PROBABLY WILL NOT HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS THAT WE HAD AT THE FALL FLEA MARKET. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE HAD WAS THAT ONE PERSON WOULD RENT A TABLE AND HE WOULD BRING FOUR OR FIVE PERSONS TO HELP HIM CARRY IN THE MECHANDISE AND ONCE THEY WERE IN COME BACK AND SAY WE FORGOT TO STAMP THEIR HAND, AGAIN ALL THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THE TABLE SHORTAGE CONDITION AND WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

WE ACTUALLY ARE LOSING MONEY ON THE TABLES, WE HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR THE TAN WE ARE COLLECTING FOR THEM. RON SUGGESTED THAT WE CHARGE ONE DOLLAR MORE FOR TABLE RENTAL TO EQUALIZE THIS EXPENSE. WE WERE SOLD OUT AT THE FALL FLEA MARKET AND HAD TO TURN PEOPLE DOWN SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE FLEA MARKET AND AT THE DOOR. THE MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO RAISE THE PRICE OF THE TABLES TO \$7.00 WHICH INCLUDE ONE ENTRY FEE, OR \$8.00 AT THE DOOR.....

THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED THE F.C.C. FIELD ENGINEERS WHO WILL BE GIVING A TALK AT A FUTURE MEETING WERE DISCUSSED. AMONG THE TOPICS WERE A NO CODE LICENSE. A LETTER WRITTEN BY FRED ROSEBURY KA1GEN WAS READ, AND MET WITH APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERSHIP. THE LETTER "IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING THE CODE REQUIREMENT" FOLLOWS;

I AM OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NO CODE" LICENSING EXAMINATION FOR AMATEUR APPLICANTS. IN FACT, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE INSTITUTED A MORE RIGID CODE REQUIREMENT THAN PRESENTLY EXISTS, IN VIEW OF THE FAIR NUMBER OF AMATEURS WITH LICENSES WHO HAVE VERY BAD FISTS, SOMETIMES UNREADABLE. IN A WAY, THIS IS ANALOGOUS TO THE NUMBER OF BAD AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS [WITH LICENSES].

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO POINT OUT THAT CW [A1 TELEGRAPHY] IS NOT ABOUT TO GO OUT OF FASHION VERY SOON, IF ONLY FOR THE REASON THAT IT IS A MUCH MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT THAN RADIOTELEPHONE, AND CONSEQUENTLY, FOR A GIVEN AMOUNT OF POWER, CW HAS A FAR GREATER RANGE THAN 'PHONE, OR OTHER MODULATED EMISSIONS. OF COURSE, IT IS TRUE THAT CODES OTHER THAN MORSE CAN AND DO EXIST; IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT WITH THE ADVENT OF AUTOMATIC KEYERS, AN OPERATOR ONLY NEEDS TO KNOW THE TYPEWRITER KEYBOARD - AND EVEN THAT CAN BE DISPLACED BY AUTOMATIC TRANSCRIBERS.

SO, WHY LEARN CODE? I THINK IT WOULD BE AN UNHAPPY DAY FOR EXPERIENCED OPERATORS IF THE MANUAL OR SEMI-MANUAL KEY WERE ABOLISHED. TO THOSE WHO ARE PROFICIENT IN HANDLING A KEY, THE DOTS AND DASHES COMPRISE A LANGUAGE: A SPECIAL LANGUAGE LEARNED WITH CONSIDERABLE APPLICATION AND PRACTISE - A LANGUAGE WITH A CHARACTER OF IT'S OWN. IT IS AS MUCH AS TO SAY: WHY LEARN FRENCH, OR SPANISH. OR GERMAN, OR ANY OTHER LANGUAGE - OR ENGLISH, FOR THAT MATTER? THE CODE IS A FORM OF COMMUNICATION WHICH I'M SURE MANY OF US HOPE WILL BE AROUND FOR A WHILE YET. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT LEARNING THE CODE AND BECOMING SKILLED AT IT IS NOT EASY. BUT, BEGINNERS SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY THEIR LACK OF PROGRESS. IT TAKES TIME AND EFFORT; I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT PROFICIENCY IS WELL WORTH THE STRUGGLE.

REMOVING THE CODE REQUIREMENT FROM AMATEUR EXAMS WOULD, IN MY BELIEF, BE AN OPENING WEDGE TO SLOPPY PRACTICE IN THE OTHER DISCIPLINES OF AMATEUR RADIO.

THERE IS SURELY A GOOD REASON, OR MORE THAN ONE, FOR COMMERCIAL RADIOMARINE COMPANIES TO RELY HEAVILY ON [AND ARE NOT ABOUT TO ABANDON] THE MORSE CODE.....

ALSO SUGGESTED WAS, "HOW THEY ARRIVE AT SOME OF THE THEORY EXAMS AND WHY THEY HAVE TO CALL IN OUTSIDE HELP TO WRITE THE F.C.C. EXAMS. SEVERAL OTHER QUESTIONS WERE PUT FORWARD AND LEW K1AZE WILL WRITE A LETTER TO JERRY SARNO AND VINCENT KAJUNSKI SETTING A DATE FOR THERE TALK TO THE ASSOCIATION.....

HOWARD DAVIS WA1VFJ, OUR SECRETARY, WAS SELECTED TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERFERENCE COMMITTEE. RON EGALKA K1YHM AND ED EDMUNDS WB1GBU WERE NAMED TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE. HOWARD WILL GIVE US A MONTHLY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE COMMITTEE.....

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AND RECONVENED AT THE "UNION HOUSE" WHERE BEER, SCDA AND PIZZA WERE ENJOYED BY A LARGE GROUP OF MEMBERS, THE ASSOCIATION TREASURY PICKING UP THE TAB.....

***** GOOD NEWS *****

DOTTIE HILBRUNNER X KA1EIG A RECENT GRADUATE OF OUR NOVICE-GENERAL CLASSES HAS PASSED HER GENERAL EXAM AND IS WAITING FOR HER NEW CALLSIGN....

EARL EDIGHOFFER N1ABX ONE OF OUR NOVICE-GENERAL CLASS INSTRUCTORS HAS JOINED THE RANKS OF 2 METER ENTHUSIASTS WITH A HEATHKIT 202. ANYONE WHO HAS A SCHEMATIC OR INSTRUCTION BOOK WILLING TO LEND IT TO EARL FOR XEROXING PLEASE CONTACT HIM AT 872-5085 IN THE EVENING.....

SHANI ALMAN WA1WGX IS HOME FROM A STAY IN THE LEONARD MORSE HOSPITAL. HER CAR HIT A POT HOLE THE SIZE OF THE GRAND CANYON CAUSING HER TO LOSE CONTROL OF IT. SHE REINJURED HER NECK, HURT BOTH HANDS, BOTH FEET AND HER CHIN. WE HOPE SHE WILL BE COMPLETELY RECOVERED IN TIME TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION DINNER PARTY. GET WELL SOON, SHANI.....

STARTING IN JANUARY, IF YOU WISH TO TAKE AN F.C.C. AMATEUR EXAM OR UPGRADE YOUR LICENSE, YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE BOSTON F.C.C

FIELD OFFICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 223-6608.....

**** SWAP AND SHOP ****

WANTED: A PHONE PATCH [COMPATIBLE WITH A DRAKE TR-4C] PLEASE CONTACT KEN GORDON AT 879-0591.

FOR SALE: A 2 METER MAGNETIC MOUNT MOBILE ANTENNA. 5/8 WAVE. "METZ" IN MINT CONDITION.....\$40.00..FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KEN WA1KUL AT 879-0591.....

FOR SALE: AN "ASTATIC" 10-DA DYNAMIC MICROPHONE OF A "G" STAND...\$45.00 [A \$60.00 VALUE] FOR INFO CONTACT KEN GORDON WA1KUL AT 879-0591..

FOR SALE: A SUPER LOGARITHMIC SPEECH PROCESSOR...400% MORE RF POWER..... MFJ 520BX....WORKS BEAUTIFULLY WITH ABOVE 10-DA MICROPHONE..... \$45.00...[\$60.00 VALUE] FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KEN WA1KUL AT 879-0591..

FOR SALE: A "TURNER" 251 DESK MICROPHONE...\$20.00...FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KEN GORDON WA1KUL AT 879-0591.....

FOR SALE AN "ELECTROVOICE" HAND HELD MICROPHONE...\$5.00 FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KEN GORDON WA1KUL AT 879-0591.....

FOR SALE: A HEATHKIT "APACHE" TRANSMITTER COVERING FROM 80 TO 10 METERS, C.W. AND A.M. POWER INPUT ON C.W. IS 180 WATTS AND 200 ON A.M. PHONE. A GREAT WORKHORSE FOR NOVICE AND EXPERIENCED HAMS ALIKE. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT AL K1ETY AT 429-7388.....

FOR SALE: A HALLICRAFTER SX62A COMMUNICATIONS RECIEVER TUNES FROM THE BROADCAST BAND THRU 6 METERS WITH AN FM 88 THRU 108 CAPABILITY A REAL CLASSIC RECIEVER. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT AL K1ETY AT 429-7388..

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SELL OR TRADE, OR IF YOU NEED OR WANT SOME PIECE OF ELECTRONIC GEAR. DROP ME A LINE OR CALL ME AT 653-6398 THE ADS ARE FREE AND WE REACH NEARLY ONE HUNDRED AMATEURS EVERY MONTH..JIM.....

THE F.C.C. HAS JUST BEGUN DISTRIBUTION OF THE AUGUST 1980 VERSION OF THE F.C.C. FORM 610. ARRL SHOULD HAVE THEM SOON. THE NEW VERSION IS EXPECTED TO BE EASIER TO USE AND COVER ALL TYPES OF REQUESTS INVOLVING PRIMARY STATION AND OPERATOR LICENSES.....